2 3 IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE STATE OF OREGON 5 FOR THE COUNTY OF MULTNOMAH OREGON AMUSEMENTS, LLC, an Oregon Case No. 1307 limited liability company, COMPLAINT FOR BREACH OF INSURANCE CONTRACT AND Plaintiff, DEMAND FOR JURY TRIAL 9 10 Prayer: \$69,163.00 (Filing Fee \$505.00 per Or Laws 2012, ch. LIBERTY MUTUAL INSURANCE COMPANY, a Massachusetts corporation, 11 48, sec. 2; ORS 21.160(1)(c)) 12 NOT SUBJECT TO MANDATORY Defendant. ARBITRATION 13 14 COMES NOW plaintiff, and alleges as follows: 15 16 17 At all times material herein, plaintiff Oregon Amusements, LLC was and is an Oregon 18 limited liability company authorized to do business within the State of Oregon. 19 20 At all times material herein, defendant Liberty Mutual Insurance Company was and is a 21 Massachusetts corporation authorized to do business within the State of Oregon. 22 23 3. 24 At all times material herein, defendant, through its authorized actual or apparent agents, 25 including Tom Bauer of R. Bauer Insurance, Inc., contracted with plaintiff to provide it with an appropriate business policy of insurance, which included property theft protection coverage, and 27 28 State of Oregon, County of Marion I certify that this is a true and correct copy of a Page I -COMPLAINT/DEMAND FOR JURY TRIAL document in the possession of Ken Ammann PC Notary Public Jones ammann llc ATTORNÈYS AT LAW 880 Liberty Street NE - Salem, OR 97301 My commission expires: 8 0315 Phone (503) 364-6734 - Fax (503) 364-6735

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defendant accepted premium payments from plaintiff in return for representing that it would provide such insurance coverage, and defendant represented to plaintiff that it had done so and that such coverage was in full force and effect on June 9, 2012 under its policy of insurance, Policy No. BKS 54816782, which defendant chose to underwrite through one of its many insurance group members, Ohio Security Insurance Company. Defendant directed plaintiff to make all premium payments for this insurance coverage payable to Liberty Northwest and plaintiff did so.

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The insurance policy at issue promised to pay plaintiff the replacement cost of business property in the event of a theft resulting in loss of such property. The policy paid for by plaintiff represented as follows: "We will pay for loss to covered property from any of the covered causes of loss." Following that representation, the policy defined "covered property" as "business personal property you own, including but not limited to equipment, tools, items, or materials to be installed and office business personal property and business personal property owned by others including but not limited to employees rented-equipment or tools, while they are in your care, custody or control and for which you have accepted responsibility." The insurance policy defines a "loss" or event that triggers its obligation to pay as "accidental loss or damage" and the policy further specifies that a covered cause of loss is "theft or attempted theft." The insurance policy defines "property damage" as physical injury to property, including all resulting loss of use of that property. The policy provides that all "loss of use" shall be deemed to occur at the time of the physical injury that caused it; and further defines property damage as loss of use of tangible property that is not physically injured. Defendant promised to pay plaintiff if there was a

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JONES AMMANN LLC ATTORNEYS AT LAW. 880 Liberty Street NE – Salem, OR 97301 Phone (503) 364-6734 – Fax (503) 364-6735 theft of plaintiff's business personal property located in or on plaintiff's property, or within 100 feet of that property, including all furniture, fixtures, machinery and equipment and any personal property owned by plaintiff in use in plaintiff's business.

5.

Defendant promised to pay plaintiff the value of its property loss due to theft on a "replacement cost" basis. The insurance policy also promised that this replacement cost valuation payment would be made "without any deduction for depreciation" of the property. Defendant's promise to the plaintiff also represented that if repair or replacement with identical property was not possible, the cost to replace the lost property with similar property capable of performing the same functions would be the valuation measure it would use to make payment. Defendant also promised to pay up to \$2,500 to replace or restore lost valuable papers or records other than electronic data. In this insurance agreement which defendant, or its agents, drafted, an endorsement termed "Custom Protector Plus Endorsement" was paid for by plaintiff which further provided for increased insurance coverage limits to be paid by defendant to plaintiff in the event of a theft of plaintiff's insured property as described on pages 1 & 2 of that particular endorsement, which are attached, labeled exhibit A, and incorporated herein.

6.

On June 9, 2012 a theft occurred of insured property at the location of 7241 Eastwood Court SE, Turner, OR 97392-5900. This theft was timely reported by plaintiff to law enforcement authorities on June 9, 2012. Thereafter, this theft was timely reported by plaintiff to his insurance representatives on June 9, 2012. Plaintiff was asked for information by insurance representatives at that time and provided all available information. Thereafter, plaintiff continued to cooperate with all insurance personnel's requests, however invasive and Page 3 -COMPLAINT/DEMAND FOR JURY TRIAL

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unreasonable, by providing access to the property, completing requested forms, voluntarily and without benefit of legal representation providing, both formal and informal statements to insurance personnel or their representatives. Despite his timely reporting and cooperation with respect to all the various insurance representatives' requests for documents, personal information and business information, defendant refused to pay plaintiff any amount for any item of loss claimed and has continued to do so, having, as of the date of this complaint, paid nothing to plaintiff. Instead, while refusing to agree to pay plaintiff any amount and refusing to either confirm or deny that any amount would be paid and refusing to state whether the claim was being denied or accepted in whole or part, defendant, through its various agents, effectively has denied the claim through unreasonable delay while refusing to provide any reasonable basis for its continued burdensome invasive and unreasonable requests for additional information from plaintiff. Defendant, on or about August 13, 2012, by letter, demanded that plaintiff appear for what is called a "sworn statement" before an insurance company attorney who is an employee of the insurer, with an insurance adjuster also present, before an official court reporter, causing plaintiff to retain counsel. Plaintiff thereafter provided numerous additional documents, participated in three lengthy formal sworn statements at the demand of defendant on the following dates: October 29, 2012 (5 hrs 20 minutes), January 31, 2013 (2 hrs 40 minutes), and March 11, 2013 (2 hrs). Despite all these actions by plaintiff, defendant still has not paid, or offered to pay, plaintiff any amount for any item or damage claimed, and defendant continues to delay resolution of the claim, and continues to send additional requests for documents via letter of June 14, 2013, which requests are unreasonable. Defendant has yet to state that it is either paying or denying the claim, yet continues to effectively deny the claim by refusing to make any

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 plaintiff, and defendant's agents have interfered with plaintiff's business by contacting plaintiff's customers, causing those customers to question plaintiff's continued operation.

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payment, and defendant knows, or should know, that its continued delay is financially ruining

Plaintiff has complied with the terms and conditions of the insurance policy. Plaintiff has submitted a proof of loss to defendant more than six months prior to filing this lawsuit. Because defendant has breached its promise to pay plaintiff for the loss plaintiff suffered within six months of receipt of proof of loss, plaintiff demands payment of all its attorney fees and costs.

8.

The agreement drafted by defendant promised that defendant would pay plaintiff promptly and included within defendant's agreement is an implied duty of good faith and fair dealing, which applies to all aspects of the contract, including the conduct of defendant's agents, adjustors, and attorneys, and their manner of investigation and processing of plaintiff's theft loss claim. Defendant has refused to make any payment to plaintiff despite plaintiff's repeated demands for payment. Defendant has subjected plaintiff to repeated unreasonable, invasive, insulting, time consuming, and costly, demands for information, including voluminous documents, repeated telephone calls and questions, and repeated oral recorded statements including "statements under oath." Defendant has done so with reckless or intentional disregard for defendant's contractual obligations to plaintiff. Plaintiff has reason to believe that defendant has provided sensitive business and/or financial information to third parties without plaintiff's permission to do so in further breach of defendant's first party contractual express and implied duties of good faith and fair dealing. Defendant's failure to pay plaintiff is in breach of both the express terms and the implied duties of good faith and fair dealing within defendant's contract.

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JONES AMMANN LLC ATTORNEYS AT LAW 880 Liberty Street NE - Salem, OR 97301 Phone (503) 364-6734 - Fax (503) 364-6735 Defendant's actions as alleged herein, have caused plaintiff continued business income loss, as defendant is reasonably aware, which loss is continuing.

9.

As a result of the theft which occurred on June 9, 2012, plaintiff suffered the loss and loss

of use of the following items of property:

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9	Touchtunes	Maestro	Computer	3	. 1 .	\$ 2,127.00
	Touchtunes	Maestro	Monitor	3	1	\$ 1,650.00
10	Touchtunes	Ovation	Monitor	2	1	\$ 1,100.00
	Touchtunes	Allegro	Monitor	1	1	\$ 550.00
11	Touchtunes	Maestro	Hard Drive	3	1	\$ 480.00
12	Touchtunes	Ovation	Hard Drive	-2	1 .	\$ 320.00
12	Touchtunes	Allegro	Hard Drive	1	1	\$ 160.00
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14	Insignia		42 inch LCD TV	3	1	\$ 1,200.00
15			Cigarette cartons	80	0.1	\$ 4,000.00
••			Candy (box)	25	0.3	\$ 550.00
16			Chips (box)	8	0.1	\$ 160.00 -
			Large Snacks (box)	12	0.2	\$ 180.00
17	Craftsman		Precision Tools	3	1	\$ 600.00
18	Thunder Pro		Speakers	2	1	\$ 400.00
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23	Jetsort		Coin Counter	ī	3	\$ 2,500.00
23	Jetscan		Currency Counter	1	3	\$ 2,500.00
24			Keys	116	1.5	\$ 5,800.00
		4	External Hard Drive	1	1	\$ 250.00
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- 26	Dewalt		Cordless Drill	2 .	1	\$ 300.00
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4	Dewalt		Jig Saw	1	2	\$ 149.00	
5	Dewalt		Reciprocating Saw	2	1	\$ 498.00	. •
	Dewalt Bose	•	Circular Saw	2	2	\$ 360.00	
6	Incredible		Amp/Subwoofer	3	2	\$ 4,200.00	
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		WHENECODE plaintiff prove of follows:	
	2	WHEREFORE, plaintiff prays as follows:	
	3	A. Economic damages for property stolen in the amount of \$69,163.00;	
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	5	C. Economic damages for retrieval of important documents in an amount to be	
	6	determined;	
•	7	D. Attorney fees, costs and disbursements, and any additional relief the court deems	
4	8	appropriate in an amount to be determined.	
	10	DATED this 1st day of July, 2013.	
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	12	JONES AMMANN LLC	
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THIS ENDORSEMENT CHANGES THE POLICY. PLEASE READ IT CAREFULLY.

CUSTOM PROTECTOR™ PLUS ENDORSEMENT

This endorsement modifies insurance provided under the following:

BUILDING AND PERSONAL PROPERTY COVERAGE FORM CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION COVERAGE FORM CAUSES OF LOSS - SPECIAL FORM WATER EXCLUSION ENDORSEMENT

The following is a summary of increased limits of insurance and additional coverages provided by this endorsement. This endorsement is subject to the provisions of your policy which means that it is subject to all limitations and conditions applicable to this Goverage Part, Coverage Form, Causes of Loss Form or Water Exclusion Endorsement unless specifically deleted, replaced, or modified herein. This endorsement is applicable only to those premises described in the Declarations.

Coverage for loss of Business Income or Extra Expense, whether provided by this endorsement or elsewhere, does not apply if a loss is covered only as a result of this endorsement.

If coverage is provided elsewhere in this policy for the same loss or damage as the coverage provided under this endorsement, the coverage under this endorsement will apply excess over that other coverage unless otherwise stated. We will not pay more than the actual amount of the covered loss or damage.

Coverage Description Accounts Receivable, Valuable Papers and Electronic Data	Limit of Insurance	Section
Blanket Limit of Insurance - On Premises	\$ 200,000 Blanket	A.10.
Off Premises: Valuable Papers "hort-set than unique to the set of		A.10.
Valuable Papers Accounts Receivable Electronic Data	\$ 10,000 • 10,000	A.10. A.10.
Additional Covered Floberty	Included	A.10. A.2.
Appurtenant Structures Buildings	\$ 50,000	A.16.u.
Business Personal Property	\$ 5,000	A.16.u.
Back-up of Sewers or Drains Broadened Premises	\$ 25,000	F. A.1.
Business Income Business Income - Newly Acquired Locations	\$ 25,000	A.16.s.
Business Income - Utility Services - Time Element	\$ 250,000 \$ 25,000	A.16:s. A.16:t.
Business Personal Property - Seasonal Increase "Cellular Phones" - Coverage	33% \$ 1,000	A.16.v.
Computer Equipment	\$ 50,000	A.16.i. A.16.n.
Consequential Loss Debris Removal	Included	A.16.r. A.6.
Employee Dishonesty	\$ 50,000	A.11.h.
Employee Tools Coverage Extra Expense		A.16.w, A.16.J.
Fine Arts-	\$ 25,000 \$ 25,000	· •
Fire Department Service Charge	\$ 25,000	A.8.
Fire Protective Devices Forgery or Alteration	\$ 25,000 \$ 50,000	A.16.I. A.11.k.
Foundations Inventory and Appraisal Expense Coverage	Included	A.5.
Lock Replacement	\$ 10,000 \$ 10,000	A.11.g. A.16.o.

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Coverage Description	Limit of Insurance	Section .
Loss of Refrigeration	\$ 25,000	A.16.m.
Lost Key Coverage	\$ 10,000	A.11.j.
Money and Securities	• • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • •	* ** * * ***
Inside the Premises	\$ 25,000	A.16.p.
Outside the Premises	\$ 25,000	A.16.p.
Money Orders and Counterfeit Money	\$ 25,000	A.11.i.
Newly Acquired or Constructed Property	180 days	•
Buildings		A.12.
Business Personal Property	\$ 1,000,000	A.12.
	\$ 500,000	A.12.
Off-Premises Services Interruption	\$ 25,000	A.16.q.
Ordinance or Law	A - Incl. in Building	.A.11.I.:
	Limit B & C - 25%	
	of the Building Limit	*
	subject to \$200,000	••
Outdoor Property	\$ 25,000	A.15. ×
Rersonal Effects and Property of Others	\$ 15,000	A.13.
Pollutant Clean Up and Removal	\$ 50,000	A.9.
Preservation of Property	90 days	A.7.
Property Off-Premises (Including while in Transit)	\$ 50,000	A.14.
Real Property of Others Required by Contract	\$ 25,000	A.4.
Reward (Not available in New York)	\$ 25,000	•
Signs	\$ 25,000	A.16.h.
Special Deductible Provision	included	В,
Undamaged Improvements & Betterments		C.
	Included	A.3. & D.1.
Waiver of Coinsurance on losses \$10,000 or less	Included	∴ Ε. / 1

A. The following changes apply to Section A. COVERAGE of the BUILDING AND PERSONAL PROPERTY COVERAGE FORM and the CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION COVERAGE FORM:

1. Broadened Premises

The within 100 feet of the described premises description stated in Paragraph A.1.a.(5)(b), Building, Paragraph A.1.b., Your Business Personal Property, Paragraph A.1.c.(2), Personal Property of Others and Paragraph A.5., Coverage Extensions is deleted and replaced by within 1000 feet of the described premises.

2. Additional Covered Property

The following are added to item a. Building of Paragraph 1. Covered Property:

Bridges, roadways, walks, patios or other paved surfaces; Retaining walls (except retaining walls used to contain water) that are not part of a building.

Item d. is deleted from paragraph 2. Property Not Covered.

Item I. of paragraph 2., Property Not Covered is deleted and replaced by the following:

- I. Retaining walls used to contain water.
- 3. Undamaged improvements and Betterments

(This coverage does not apply to the CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION COVERAGE FORM.)

The following is added to paragraph A.1.b Your Business Personal Property:

- (8) Undamaged Improvements and Betterments;
 - (a) Improvements and betterments coverage includes the portion of improvements and betterments not damaged in a covered loss.
 - (b) We will pay for the portion of undamaged improvements and betterments only if a minimum of six months is required to repair or rebuild the building for your occupancy, and only when your lease is cancelled:
 - (i) By the lessor;

By a valid condition of your lease; and

(iii) Due to direct physical loss or damage by a Covered Cause of Loss to property at

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3	liability company,) Plaintiff,)	Case No. 1307 -09539 SUMMONS		
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'5 6	LIBERTY MUTUAL INSURANCE COMPANY, a) Massachusetts corporation,)			
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12	entitled action within thirty (30) days from the date of so your failure to do so, for want thereof, plaintiff will apply complaint.	to the court for the relief demanded in the		
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15 16 17	court clerk or administrator within thirty (30) days, along form and have proof of service upon the plaintiff's attor proof of service upon the plaintiff. If you have any queryou may call the Oregon State Bar Referral Service at	g with the required filing fee. It must be in proper ney or, if the plaintiff does not have an attorney, stions you should see an attorney immediately or		
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Court/Agency:

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1 2 3 5 IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE STATE OF OREGON FOR THE COUNTY OF MULTNOMAH 6 OREGON AMUSEMENTS, LLC Case No. 1307-09539 8 Plaintiff, DEFENDANT LIBERTY MUTUAL INSURANCE COMPANY'S RULE 21 ٧. MOTION 10 LIBERTY MUTUAL INSURANCE 11 COMPANY, a Massachusetts corporation. 12 Defendants.) (Oral Argument Requested) 13 14 **UTCR INFORMATION** The parties have conferred pursuant to UTCR 5.010. Oral argument of 15 minutes is 15 requested. Court reporting services are not requested. 16 17 **MOTIONS** Pursuant to ORCP 21, Defendant moves the Court for an Order: 18 19 Requiring plaintiff make the Complaint more definite and certain, pursuant to 1) 20 ORCP 21 D, by requiring the filing of an Amended Complaint consisting of 21 "plain and concise statements" of the ultimate facts allegedly entitling plaintiff to prevail upon a specific legal theory and allegedly entitling plaintiff to recover 22 23 specifically alleged damages, on the grounds that the Complaint is so indefinite 24 and uncertain that the precise nature of the claim and the precise nature and amount of the claim of damages is not apparent.

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į.	2)	Striking, pursuant to ORCP 21 E, from Paragraph 3 the allegations that
. 2		"Defendant, through its authorized actual or apparent agents, including Tom
3		Bauer of R. Bauer Insurance, Inc., contracted with plaintiff to provide it with an
4		appropriate business policy of insurance, which included property theft protection
5		coverage, and defendant accepted premium payments from plaintiff in return for
6		representing that it would provide such insurance coverage, and defendant
7		represented to plaintiff that it had done so and that such coverage was in full force
8		and effect on June 9, 2012", on the grounds that these allegations are a sham,
9		frivolous or irrelevant as there is no apparent claim in this case for failure to
10		procure or provide the correct form of insurance coverage.
11 ·		i. Alternatively, in the event motion no. 2 is denied then for an Order to
12		make the Complaint more definite and certain by requiring plaintiff to
13		allege the acts and/or omissions of "Tom Bauer of R. Bauer Insurance,
14		Inc." any other "agent" upon which any claim is based and any alleged
15		insufficiency of the policy of insurance that was issued.
16	3)	Striking from Paragraph 3 the allegations that "defendant chose to underwrite
17		through one of its many insurance group members, Ohio Security Insurance
18		Company. Defendant directed plaintiff to make all premium payments for this
19		insurance coverage payable to Liberty Northwest and plaintiff did so" on the
20		grounds that these allegations are sham, frivolous or irrelevant to any claim
21		alleged by the Complaint.
22	4)	Striking Paragraph 4 in its entirety on the grounds that the purported summary of
23		miscellaneous provisions of the alleged insurance policy recited therein are sham,
24		frivolous or irrelevant to any claim alleged in this action.
25		i. Alternatively, in the event motion no. 4 is denied, then for an Order
-26		requiring the Complaint be made more definite and certain by pleading the

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i		duty, breach of duty or damages to which each allegation contained in
2		Paragraph 4 is related.
3	5)	Striking Paragraph 5 in its entirety on the grounds that the purported summary of
4	,	miscellaneous provisions of the alleged insurance policy recited therein are sham,
5		frivolous or irrelevant to any claim alleged in this action.
6		i. Alternatively, in the event motion no. 5 is denied, then for an Order
7		requiring the Complaint be made more definite and certain by pleading the
8		duty, breach of duty or damages to which each allegation contained in
9		Paragraph 5 is related.
10	6)	Striking the second sentence and all subsequent allegations of Paragraph 6 on the
11		grounds that the detailed facts and conclusions alleged therein are sham, frivolous
12		or irrelevant to any claim alleged in this action.
13		i. Alternatively, in the event motion no. 6 is denied, then for an Order
14		requiring the Complaint be made more definite and certain by pleading the
15		duty, breach of duty or damages to which each allegation contained in
16		Paragraph 6 is related.
17	· 7)	Striking from paragraph 6 lines 1-4 at page 5 of the Complaint on the grounds that
18		there no claim for tortious interference with Plaintiff's business is plead or for
19		which Defendant could be held liable for "financially ruining plaintiff", there are
20		no facts plead to support any such claims or damages and the allegations are
21	•	sham, frivolous or irrelevant.
22	8)	Striking Paragraph 8 in its entirety and each allegation contained therein, on the
23		grounds that the miscellaneous and repetitive allegations contained therein are
24		sham, frivolous or irrelevant to any claim alleged in this action.
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1	i. Alternatively, in the event motion no. 8 is denied, then for an Order
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5	that the damages plead therein are not recoverable in an action for breach of
6	contract and facts supporting such claims of damage are not alleged.
7	i. Alternatively, in the event motion no. 9 is denied, then for an Order
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9	the pleading of the exact amount of past business losses and loss of profits
10	claimed to have resulted from the breach of contract and facts
11	demonstrating such damages to have been within the contemplation of the
12	parties to the contract; and that the same be required for the pleading of
13	"past and continuing loss of use of the stolen property in an amount to be
14	determined."
15	POINTS AND AUTHORITIES
16	This appears to be a simple case in which Plaintiff must allege: (1) the existence of the
17	specifically alleged and identified insurance policy no. BKS 54816782 between the parties; (2)
18	the theft of the property that is specifically identified at paragraph 9 of the Complaint; (3) the
19	nature and dollar amount of the policy benefit to which Plaintiff was allegedly entitled; (4) that
20	Plaintiff satisfied all conditions precedent to receiving the benefits under the policy; and (5) that
21	Defendant has not paid the full benefit allegedly due under the policy and to which Plaintiff is
22	entitled by the terms of the policy.
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All of the additional allegations of the complaint are sham, frivolous and irrelevant and should be stricken, as they obfuscate the exact nature of this action and attempt to interject issues irrelevant to any well pled claim of relief. DATED this 25 day of October, 2013. HITT HILLER MONFILS WILLIAMS LLP By: Danay L. Hitt, Jr., Of Of Attorneys for Defendants

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1		DECLARATION OF SERVICE
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3	fore,	I, Samantha Bashore, Paralegal, hereby declare under penalty of perjury that I served the Going: DEFENDANT LIBERTY MUTUAL INSURANCE COMPANY'S RULE 21
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7		880 Liberty Street NE Salem, Oregon 97301
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20		Danny L Hitt Jr., Attorneys for Defendant
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INITIAL CASE MANAGEMENT

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NOTICE OF SCHEDULED COURT PROCEEDING

At the Initial Case Management Conference the following will happen: 1. The appropriate track for this case will be decided (Regular Course with Mandatory Arbitration, Regular Course, Expedited Jury Trial, or Complex Case.)

2. A circuit court judge will be assigned to hear all pretrial motions in the action, other than summary judgments.

3. A date will be set for the Trial Readiness Conference which will be approximately 8 months from filing of the initial complaint in the action. A stipulated date may be set.

Each participating attorney must have authority to make "track" decisions and set dates for the Trial Readiness Conference.

If no appearance has been filed for a defendant, plaintiff's counsel is responsible for notifying all known opposing counsel of the hearing. Opposing counsel so notified appear without waiver of any

Parties may elect to appear by phone; the Plaintiff is responsible for setting up a conference call to the court if the parties agree to appear by telephone.

NOTE: Supplemental Local Rule (SLR) 7.011 establishes the Initial Case Management Conference. The SLR and information on procedural expectations for complying with this rule may be found on this link:

http://courts.oregon.gov/Multnomah/ on the website go to the Exhibit A Page 019

"Civil" tab on the "General Information" page.

Cases for which there is no appearance will be subject to an ORCP 54 B (3) notice of intent to dismiss for want of prosecution - a 28 day notice with leave to cure.

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE STATE OF OREGON

FOR THE COUNTY OF MULTNOMAH

OREGON AMUSEMENTS, LLC,

Case No. 1307-09539

Plaintiff,

PLAINTIFF'S RESPONSE TO DEFENDANT'S RULE 21 MOTIONS

v.

LIBERTY MUTUAL INSURANCE COMPANY, a Massachusetts corporation,

Defendant.

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COMES NOW plaintiff, Oregon Amusements, LLC, by and through counsel, Ken L. Ammann of Jones Ammann LLC, and responds to Defendant's Rule 21 Motions as follows:

Each of defendant's motions should be denied at this time.

RESPONSE TO MOTION #1:

This Motion to make "the Complaint" in its entirety "more definite and certain" based upon defendant's assertion within its Motions that the Complaint does not provide enough information for defendant to determine the basic nature of plaintiff's claim for relief is without merit and should be denied. Defendant is well aware of its wrongful denial of payment of any amount of insurance policy proceeds to plaintiff for plaintiff's covered property theft loss, and defense counsel, while somewhat new to this case, must be aware of those facts having (presumably) received and reviewed the entire claims file

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and (presumably) having received a verbal assignment of the case from the insurer defendant and having discussed the denial and investigation of the claim with defendant's adjustors and counsel. This contested matter has been exhaustively investigated by the defendant insurer via assigned adjustors and corporate counsel for well over 1 year. Any assertion here that this defendant is unaware of the nature of the claims asserted is implausible at best.

On its face, the Complaint itself clearly states sufficient ultimate facts alleging a claim for relief for breach of insurance contract – as is essentially admitted by defendant within its own Motion on page 4, lines 16 through 22, where defense counsel makes the judicial admission that defendant has obviously stated the theory of relief as breach of insurance contract and pled sufficient ultimate facts to state such a claim. Using defendant's own admission on page 4 of its Motion regarding what it believes must be stated, it is clear this Motion is a frivolous attempt to further wrongfully deny, or delay, payment of plaintiff's property loss claim.

Defendant represents that to have adequately pled a claim for breach of contract, plaintiff must, but according to Motion #1 have not, alleged "(1) the existence of a specific insurance policy." However, such facts are contained within plaintiff's complaint at paragraph 3, pages 1-2. The policy provisions specifically at issue as being breached by defendant are further and more specifically described in paragraphs 4 and 5 on pages 2-3.

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Similarly, defendant represents that plaintiff must, but according to its claims in its first Motion, have not alleged (2) the theft of the property that is specifically identified at paragraph 9 of the Complaint. However, contained within paragraph 6, on pages 3-4 of plaintiff's Complaint, are exactly those types of facts with additional detail – clearly sufficient to notify defendant under Oregon's pleading standards of the nature of the claims asserted.

The same analysis applies to the majority of defendant's argument that the nature and dollar amount of the damages sought is insufficient. To the contrary, a detailed list of the property at issue with dollar amounts is included in paragraph 9 on pages 6-7. Plaintiff does concede that his business income loss claim, which is continuing, needs to be made more definite and certain – but at a later date closer to the time of trial and plaintiff will agree to amend that aspect of his Complaint at least 60 days prior to trial and to continue to provide information related to that claim to defendant – as has been done already during the course of the insurer's exhaustive investigation of this simple theft loss claim.

Similarly, plaintiff's Complaint, at paragraphs 6 and 7, pages 4-5, states not only that plaintiff has complied with all reasonable conditions preceding defendant's obligation to pay pursuant to the policy – but provides more than a minimal description of the demands made upon plaintiff by the insurer and the lengths plaintiff has gone to in order to comply with those demands.

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As far a defendant's last element needed, as it states on page 4 of its Motions (failure to pay), those facts are pled in paragraphs 6 and 8 specifically and generally within paragraphs 10 and 11.

When the court looks at defendant's Motions, both individually and as a whole, it is clear that defendant's position overall is inconsistent as it represents in its first Motion that the Complaint does not state a claim because it is not detailed enough, yet defendant, in later Motions, essentially argues that there is too much detail pled. Defendant cannot have it both ways. The Complaint, both by caption and within the body, clearly states a claim for breach of insurance contract. The Motion should be denied.

RESPONSE TO MOTION #2:

As the court is aware, pleadings do not go to the jury as a matter of course but are instead summarized by the court, with the assistance of counsel, and then the summary is read to the jury by the court. There is no reason to strike the language moved against. The language simply states that defendant's authorized agent advertised, sold, and was paid for theft loss property insurance and that this insurance was in effect at the time of the theft. There is no current claim against the agent directly for failure to obtain the correct type of coverage and one is not asserted in either the caption or the body of the Complaint at this time. Therefore, there is no need to make any such incorrectly perceived claim like that "more definite."

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RESPONSE TO MOTION #3:

This motion should be denied at this time. If defendant admits that the proper party defendant is named, then plaintiff will agree to delete that language. The language is included because while Liberty Northwest, the named defendant, conducted all the investigation, and appears to have made the decision to deny this claim, that has not been established and the paper trail regarding the various insurance entities involved in this matter is unclear. Additionally, all the language in paragraph 3 is simply a neutral factual statement and is properly included within the Complaint.

RESPONSE TO MOTION #4:

This motion should be denied because these policy provision obligations are material to plaintiffs claim and provide defendant notice as to which aspects of the policy were breached. Had this language not been included, defendant would have undoubtedly filed only a motion seeking that the policy terms breached be specifically stated. Here they assert both positions but do so by attempting to read the allegations in paragraph 4 in isolation. The Complaint states the provisions breached in paragraph 4, and in paragraphs 6 and 8 states how defendant breached its contractual obligations set out in paragraph 5.

RESPONSE TO MOTION #5:

This motion should be denied for the same reasons as motion #4 above should be denied.

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RESPONSE TO MOTION #6:

This motion should be denied for the same reasons as Motions #4 and #5 above.

RESPONSE TO MOTION #7:

The purpose of this language is to place defendant on notice that its conduct has caused and continues to cause plaintiff severe financial hardship and to the extent specific economic damages result, those amounts will be claimed.

RESPONSE TO MOTION #8:

These allegations are properly stated and are material to and describe factually defendant's breach of contract conduct which has included invasive, unreasonable demands and continued delays as alleged here – all of which conduct is designed to force plaintiff to forgo his claim – and which is in breach of defendant's implied contractual duty of good faith and fair dealing. Plaintiff is entitled to plead and prove this aspect of this breach of contract case. The motion should be denied.

DATED this 6th day of November, 2013.

JONES AMMANN LLC Ken L. Ammann

Ken L. Ammann, OSB#88149 888 SW Fifth Avenue, Suite 1100 Portland, OR 97204 503-374-1414 Attorney for Plaintiff

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I hereby certify that I served a copy of the foregoing PLAINTIFF'S

RESPONSE TO DEFENDANT'S RULE 21 MOTIONS on the following:

Danny L. Hitt, Jr.
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By serving a correct copy thereof, certified as such, in the following manner:

X	mailing a certified true copy thereof in an envelope with first class postage fully prepaid and deposited in the United States mail at Salem Oregon;
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1 2 3 IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE STATE OF OREGON 5 FOR THE COUNTY OF MULTNOMAH 6 OREGON AMUSEMENTS, LLC, Case No. 1307-09539 7 NOTICE OF CHANGE OF CONTACT Plaintiff, 8 INFORMATION OF COUNSEL FOR **PLAINTIFF** v. 9 LIBERTY MUTUAL INSURANCE 10 COMPANY, a Massachusetts corporation, 11 Defendant. 12 13 NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the contact information of counsel for plaintiff, 14 Ken L. Ammann of Jones Ammann LLC, has been changed to the following: 15 16 Ken L. Ammann, OSB #88149 Jones Ammann LLC 17 ken@ja-law.com 888 SW Fifth Avenue, Suite 1100 18 Portland, OR 97204 19 Office: (503) 374-1414 Fax: (971) 925-9034 20 DATED this 2nd day of December, 2013. 21 22 JONES AMMANN LLC Ken L. Ammann 23 Ken L. Ammann OSB#88149 24 888 SW Fifth Avenue, Suite 1100 25 Portland, OR 97204 (503)374-1414 26 Attorney for Plaintiff 27 28 Page 1 - NOTICE OF CHANGE OF CONTACT INFORMATION OF COUNSEL FOR PLAINTIFF JONES AMMANN LLC ATTORNEYS AT LAW 888 SW Fifth Avenue, Suite 1100 - Portland, OR 97204 Phone (503) 374-1414 - Fax (971) 925-9034

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I hereby certify that I served a copy of the foregoing NOTICE OF

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DATED this 2nd day of December, 2013.

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Oregon Amusements LLC/Liberty Mutual Insurance Co Case#: 130709539 Civil Contract

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Scheduled Proceeding: Hearing Further Proceedings

Date:

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3/05/14 8:30AM

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Additional Information:

TRIAL READINESS CONFERENCE

At the Trial Readiness Conference (TRC): The parties-

- 1. -must provide the date they have selected for the trial of the action. The date selected must be within the standard set by UTCR 7.020(5), no later than one year from the date of filing. The Court will set this date as the trial date. If the parties are unable to agree on a trial date, the Court will assign a date for trial during the TRC; counsel attending must have authority to accept a trial date. The trial date set in the TRC can only be changed by the Presiding Judge and must by supported by a showing of exceptional circumstances.
- 2. -must be prepared to discuss the number of days they estimate will be needed for trial, the status of discovery, and any other matters which may affect the efficient trial of the case on the date set.
- 3. -may appear by phone. If multiple parties will appear by phone, the plaintiff is responsible for (a) calling the TRC judge with all other parties appearing by phone on the line; or (b) establishing a teleconference line for the parties and the judge to call to join the conference.

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TRIAL READINESS CIVIL CASE MANAGEMENT CONFERENCE

A postponement of the Trial Readiness Civil Case Management Conference may be granted for good cause shown presented by a request, supported by a motion and declaration, at the Presiding Judge's ex parte.

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